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Of Libraries and Legislators

Libraries Matter was the theme for Nebraska Library Legislative Day on February 10th in Lincoln. Legislative Day is an annual event sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) and is designed to remind senators of the importance of Nebraska's media centers and public, academic, institutional and correctional libraries. We think perhaps that may have happened with 113 librarians and volunteers and 39 senators and aides attending. Nebraska's 531 communities have 273 public libraries; 158 academic, community college, and special libraries; and 812 school library media centers. During Legislative Day librarians and library supporters had the opportunity to talk with senators and their staff at a morning coffee and lunch at the Cornhusker. They were also briefed on library issues and advocacy including an afternoon continuing education program with Ben Mikkelsen (Nebraska State Education Association Director of Political Action).

Five postcards were delivered leading up to Legislative Day highlighting the role of libraries in addressing community concerns and issues:

- Bob & Wauneta Burkley Library and Resource Center in DeWitt is a source of internet connectivity for many individuals looking for jobs, or those going back to school, or many who are just looking for more inexpensive leisure activities.
- Keene Memorial Library in Fremont is a source of information for all sides of the immigration discussion by providing materials from the National Council of La Raza, The Minutemen Project, Nebraska Appleseed, The American Legion and national authors including Lou Dobbs, Bill Richardson, Barbara Ehrenreich,

Geraldo Rivera, Jason Reilly and Mark Krikorian.

- Irving Middle School media specialist and teacher host One Book, One Family Book Club aimed at generating family reading and community. Students and a parent or guardian are given a book a month to read alone or together and then discuss.
- NebraskAccess – nebraskaccess.ne.gov – is an online resource for Nebraska residents of all ages providing full-text magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, as well as genealogy information. NebraskAccess is provided through the Nebraska Library Commission with funding from the State of Nebraska and the US Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- Scottsbluff Public Library works in conjunction with AARP Tax-Aide to assist low and middle income, with special attention to those 60 years and older, in filing tax returns. The program at the library started approximately 12 years ago and in 2008 assisted 676 people.

There are many different types of libraries in Nebraska, serving very diverse populations, but something often held in common is the dedicated work of volunteers that help in enhancing the services they are able to provide their communities. This year, a total of 42 library volunteers from across the state were recognized at the Nebraska Library Association's Legislative Day.

Library volunteers recognized were:

Lloyd Cook—Auburn Memorial Library:

Volunteering at the library for over 25 years, Lloyd comes in every Thursday for around 3 hours. He is visually impaired and uses his hands to work his way from one end of the library

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to the other, one book at a time, straightening shelves and scanning for books that need minor repairs. Sherry Black, Director of Auburn Memorial Library, loves his meticulousness, his reliability and his wonderful attitude.

Future Farmers of America Loup County—Taylor Public Library:

The Taylor Public Library nominated the Loup County FFA members for their volunteer efforts that helped the Library. Fifteen teens worked approximately 5 hours scraping paint off of the Library in preparation for repainting, even using a donated man-lift to reach the top of the Library. In addition, six students, two who had also scraped paint, helped at the library during the annual community clean-up which is the day before the last day of school. Every year there is a group of students that clean around and inside of the library. The library director, Elaine Nekuda, says "They are so willing and work so hard to clean up the whole town." Hannah Dilsaver, Lucas Howard, Kayla Dunbar, Shelby Koncel, Bill Jordan, Taylor Bolli, Ashley Brakhage, Brady Sheldon, Cooper Shermer, Haylee Jordan, Tamara Nilson, Amber Sandoz, Tim Jordan, Shayna Dunbar, Sarah Sheldon, Trey Caldwell, Katelyn Tucker, Beth Gideon, and Hannah Meeks.

Gere Library Teen Advisory Board—Lincoln City Libraries:

Over the past couple of years, this group of teens has generously donated their time, energy, knowledge and input to make Gere Library a better place for teens. Their efforts have included supervising Summer Reading volunteers, helping to redecorate the teen space in the library and even making a short film called "Library Girl and Volunteer Boy." The TAB is: Michael Berrick, Catherine Berrick, Sydney Dynek, Spencer Farley, Chelsea Horner, Lindsey Howard, Chloe (CJ) Johnson, Heidi Kratzer, Alec Kreikemeier, Chloe Kreikemeier, Kiera Landreth, Sara Mach, Kerstin Mullen-Bagby, Alison Reckewey, Kelli Rowland, Hannah Voss, William Lonn, Lesley Darling, Rachel Hanigan.

Pat Hoban—North Platte Public Library:

Pat is a retired teacher who has not missed a session of Teen Café, the weekly young adult program, since September 2004. Her knowledge base and organizational skills help make Teen Café a well-oiled machine. Pat is a positive influence on the teens that come to Teen Café at the North Platte Public Library. The 2007 Teen Advisory Board holds her in such high esteem that they even wrote Pat her own rap song! (Which Senator Hansen rapped while helping recognize her!)

Bob Husinga—Omaha Public Library, W. Dale Clark Branch:

For about 6 years, Bob, a retired computer salesman, has spent most days helping keep the downtown branch of Omaha Public Library looking nice. For the past nine months he has worked from a wheelchair after a stroke affected his mobility. His efforts make a huge difference to not just the staff of W. Dale Clark branch, but also to the other residents of downtown.

Florence Sidlo—Blue Hill Public Library:

Florence is 94 years young, and has spent the past five years working with another dedicated person cataloging and filing more than 110 years worth of the local newspaper from microfilm. Florence has also made it possible to view and print news stories on the reader-printer that was purchased with her generous gift.

Donna Wineman—Adams Elementary School Media Center, Lincoln Public Schools:

Donna has been at school every day, all day from the start of the school day to the end! She is invaluable because she is so reliable and so knowledgeable. Most evident of all is Donna's love of working with the students. In the words of one of Donna's student supporters, "She has awesomeness!"

The Nebraska Library Association salutes not just these outstanding individuals, but all of the state's library volunteers. Through their hard work, dedication and generosity of spirit, they enrich their communities and keep Nebraska's libraries vital and relevant. For more information, visit the Nebraska Library Association website at: www.nebraskalibraries.org.

The NLA Legislative Committee did a great job compiling information and stories to share with our elected officials this year. I'd recommend keeping these at the ready when the tough questions come concerning library budgets.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator





Following the success of the four previous Nebraska Library Leadership Institutes, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems are pleased to offer the fifth Leadership Institute. It is a four day institute for 30 librarians from across the state who will become our library leaders of tomorrow. During the coming years, incredible socio-economic, demographic and technological changes will continue to take place and our leaders must ensure that libraries continue to serve as a key element in the state's info-structure.

Participants

The 30 selected participants will have demonstrated:

- Outstanding leadership potential.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Successful library employment experience.
- Initiative, commitment and reasonable risk-taking.

Purpose

The purpose of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute 2009 is to provide future Nebraska library leaders a structured professional opportunity to:

- Examine in depth their own leadership styles.
- Gain knowledge and skills needed for effective leadership in a rapidly changing environment.
- Identify their professional and personal goals.
- Develop a network of professional peers with whom they will continue to work for years to come.
- Interact with a select group of outstanding library leaders who will serve as mentors.

Requirements

All applicants must complete an application form.

Forms can be requested by contacting: your System office or Kathy Tooker, Eastern Library System Administrator, 11929 Elm St., Ste. 12, Omaha, NE 68144

800-627-7884, ktooker@windstream.net or online at any of the system webpages.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 17, 2009**.

The 30 Institute participants will be notified by May 31, 2009.

The registration fee of \$200 from the 30 selected participants is due by June 30, 2009.

There is a limited amount of scholarship funding available; contact your system administrator for information.
32 Continuing Education hours available.

JULY 20-24, 2009

**ST. BENEDICT
CENTER
SCHUYLER, NE**

Beginning at 1:00 p.m.
on the 20th
and ending after lunch
on the 24th

For more information on the retreat and details about the facilitators and the mentors, please visit www.selsne.org.



March

March 13th – NLC Commissioners and State Advisory Council on Libraries (SACL) meeting at Grand Island Public Library. Commission meeting begins at 8:30, and then are joined by the SACL group around 9:30 for the joint part of the meeting. Meeting is open to the public. For information and to attend contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

March 17th – NLC Budget Hearing at the Capitol.

March 18th – PARA Spring Meeting–Paraprofessionals Past, Present and Future: Where the Paraprofessional Life Can Lead You: www.nlc.state.ne.us/Comp/para/2009springmeeting/2009Paraspgconfwebsite.html.



March 20th – CASTL Meeting in Crete. Read a book with an Irish theme for booktalking.

March 20th – NLA TSRT Spring Meeting in Manhattan, Kansas for the NASIG Unconference: www.nebraskalibraries.org/TSRT/.

March 31st – Public Library Statistical Report due in order to be eligible for state aid and dollars for data. File online at: <http://collect.btol.com>.

April

April is National Poetry Month: www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41.

April 1st to April 3rd – Kansas Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association conference in Wichita, Kansas – see www.kansaslibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm. If you'd like to carpool and attend MPLA contact Brenda Ealey at: bsealey@windstream.net.

April 3rd – Library Challenges & Opportunities: Diversity Beyond the Obvious, College of DuPage Library Teleconference from 11 to 12:30. To register and for more information go to the Nebraska Library Commission web site at www.nlc.state.ne.us/ and search on the Training Calendar by using DuPage.

April 12th – 18th – National Library Week – Worlds Connect @ your Library. For information and materials go to: www.ala.org/nlw.

April 13th – Spring Colloquium with Stacey Aldrich, Deputy Director, California State Library. See page 10.

April 16th - Soaring to Excellence: An Ounce of Prevention: Health Reference Basics, College of DuPage Library Teleconference from 11 to 12:30. To register and for more information go to the Nebraska Library Commission web site at www.nlc.state.ne.us/ and search on the Training Calendar by using DuPage.



April 17th – SELS Board Meeting at Tecumseh Public Library.

April 20th, 27th & May 4th – Public Services Basic Skills Course at Seward Memorial Library. To register go to the NLC Training Calendar: www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp.



April 23rd – CASTL Meeting at James Arthur Vineyards in Raymond. This is our joint meeting with Friends and Foundation members. Read a book with a food and wine theme for booktalking.

April 23rd – SELS Friends Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyards, see page 13.

April 30th & May 1st – Glennor Shirley workshop at UNO, see page 12.

May

May 1st – NLA Public Library & Trustee's Section (PLTS) Spring Meeting at Wahoo Public Library. Four presentations on Legal Considerations of Public Library Policies and Procedures; Developments in the Implementation of Open Source Integrated Library Systems; Mental Health in Public Libraries; and Using Skype ® as a Communications Tool in Public Libraries. For information and registration go to: www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS/NLA_PLTS_2009_Spring_Meetings_Registration_Form.pdf

May 2nd—Free Comic Book Day: www.freecomicbookday.com/the_comics.asp.

May 8th – NLC Commissioners Meeting at Nebraska Library Commission, 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to the public. For information and to attend contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

May 11th & 12th – ALA National Library Legislative Day in DC. If you can't make it to DC to advocate for libraries, organize a Virtual Library Legislative Day 2009. For information on how to do that go to the ALA website at: www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/washevents/nlld/virtuallibrarylegislativeday/VirtualNLLD2009.cfm.

May 15th - C&U Spring Meeting – Librarians as Transformers with Sara Martin, Associate Dean for Technical Services & Library Systems, University of Detroit Mercy. The meeting will be held at University of Nebraska at Kearney. For more information go to: www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/conferences.html.

May 16th – SELS Friends private movie showing of **Angels & Demons**. See page 16.

May 21st – SELS Training Extravaganza at Concordia University in Seward. See pages 14 & 15.



OF COURSE THERE'S A BUS TRIP!

This will be the fifth annual Road Trip– we're heading up north for the American Library Association 2009 Conference.

July 9-14th, 2009

Be part of the energy that is the Bus! Workshop ideas, speakers, and networking are a legendary part of the road trip, but most of all, use the bus for the opportunity to attend a national conference for **\$35!** That's right, thanks to the Nebraska Regional Library Systems, and to a grant* from the Nebraska Library Commission, there will be just a low cost for the bus ride. (Riders are responsible for their own hotel arrangements and conference registration.)

Bookmark www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm and check back often for updated information on registration, conference programming, special events, travel, and insider tips on everything Chicago

Pick-ups for the bus will be in Lincoln & Omaha.

So sign up today to join Road Trip 2009!


Please let us know your serious interest as early as possible, so that if we need to reserve a larger bus we can!

Sign up deadline: June 19, 2009

Contact Jenni Puchalla at jennip@windstream.net to save a spot.

*This project was supported in part by a Continuing Education and Training grant, awarded by the Nebraska Library Commission.

**If space permits, each rider may bring a non-library affiliated guest, who, according to grant stipulations, would be required to pay \$100.



Let's Celebrate Dr. Seuss



The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubin by Dr. Seuss was the theme book of the Read Across America celebration held at **Conestoga Elementary** in Murray, Nebraska. The book was read aloud to all K-6 students and the stage was set. March 2 was an exciting day in our building ...beginning with a Hat Stacking Assembly. Bartholomew Dennis (Principal Eric Dennis) was the school guest for the day... and upon his head the stack was built by 4th grade teacher Keith Williams. The week prior to Dr. Seuss's birthday all of the students guessed the number of hats that would be successfully stacked before the big TUMBLE. Three students guessed correctly that 51 hats would be the final stack breaker.

Other activities of the day were the announcement of the winners of the Bartholomew Cubins Hat Art contest. Each class

decorated an enlargement of Bartholomew's hat. Even though we did not have 500 it was still fun to jazz up his hat. Winning classrooms received an Emmy of Art statue to display in their classroom. The children were invited to the library for a Cat in the Hat cookie and weird punch. The weird punch was the hit of the reception (*a small glass of water with a gummy worm for pizzazz*). While in the library they watched *The Cat in the Hat* and learned about the life of Theodore Seuss Geisel via a power point presentation.

Literature is such a grand medium through which to celebrate the accomplishments of the creative world. The program was a joy to plan and share with the children.

Jan Madsen, Elementary Media Specialist, Conestoga Elementary, Murray

Photo by Patti Jo Preterson from the Plattsmouth Journal

Celebrate Reading Day!

Louisville Elementary School students, grades K-5, were surprised when they came to school on February 16 and saw the building (outside and inside) decorated to "Celebrate Reading." The entire day was spent on reading with an emphasis on Dr. Seuss and his books. The morning began with an assembly where students played and sang the "Doofer Dorfer" song they learned in music class. Then the Cat in the Hat (Mr. Holl, principal) rode in on a scooter. Students then watched an imovie with teachers telling tidbits about Dr. Seuss. Learning stations were set up for grades K-2 and grades 3-5 and students rotated stations throughout the day. Various areas of the curriculum were incorporated and students may have studied parts of speech, made oobleck, made a Cat in the Hat keychain, or a Wocket in my Pocket to name a few.

Volunteers, such as School Board members, joined the entire staff to assist with the learning stations. It helped students see that reading is used everywhere!

Last year, a day was dedicated to math and the theme was "Math Counts" using the Count from Sesame Street. Wonder what next year's theme will be?

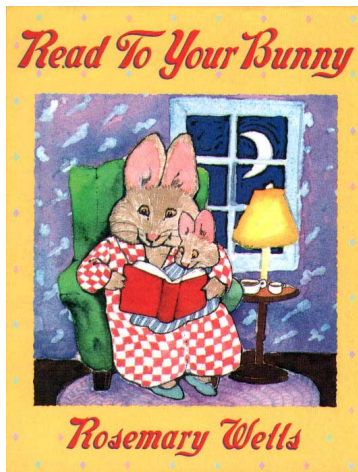
Mrs. Pat Coshow, Librarian

Here's a picture of one of **Crete Public Library's** preschool storytime groups the days we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. We talked about Dr. Seuss, read some of his books, ate birthday cupcakes, and made "Cat in the Hat" hats to wear.

Laura Renker, Children's Librarian



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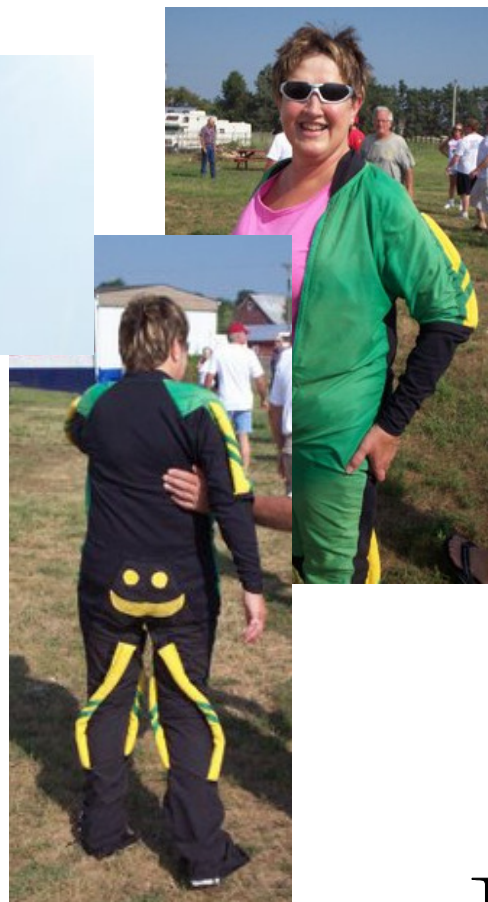
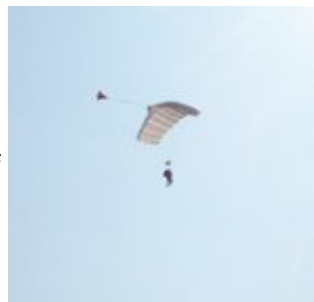
We have **Rosemary Wells** coming to Lincoln on May 7th and she will be doing a presentation for the community at **North Star High School**.

We'd love to have all the SE librarians attend. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and she will autograph books that we will have for sale, or I think they could bring their own if they are new.

Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln Public Schools District Office

Around the Sun

Why do people jump out of perfectly good airplanes? Because they can! Jan Aronson, **Weeping Water Public Library** Director, completed an item on her bucket list last year-parachuting out of an airplane. Go Jan!



Email address changes:

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jennip@windstream.net

You can start using these immediately and the alltel.net addresses will expire on May 1.



News and Notes

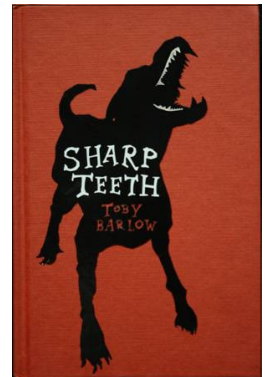
2009 Outstanding Books for the College Bound and Lifetime Learners

YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) announced its 2009 Outstanding Books for the College Bound and Lifetime Learners. The list is revised every 5 years and offers titles in five categories: arts and humanities, history and cultures, literature and language arts, science and technology and social sciences. Just glancing at the literature and language arts – not to intentionally snub any of the other 4 categories – there would be some great titles for a summer reading list, or book discussion group. At least I'm adding several to my list: *Kafka on the Shore* by Haruki Murakami (2006); *The God of Animals* by Aryn Kyle (2007); *Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones (2008); *Looking for Alaska* by John Green (2005) and *Who the Hell is Pansy O'Hara?: The Fascinating Stories Behind 50 of the World's Best-Loved Books* (2008). You can find the complete list for all categories on the YALSA web page: www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/outstandingbooks/outstandingbooks.cfm.

2009 Literature Award Winners

YALSA announced the 2009 Literature Award Winners which you can find on their website (www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists) as well as downloadable bookmarks for the awards that you can print out and distribute to teens at your library. Awards include:

- **Alex Awards** – annually given to 10 books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults.
- **Margaret A. Edwards Award** – honors an author and a specific work for life-time contribution in writing books of enduring popularity with teenagers.
- **William C. Morris Award** – honors a book written for young adults by a first-time, previously unpublished author.
- **Odyssey Award** – honors the producer of the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults.
- **Michael L. Printz Award** – honors excellence in literature written for young adults.



The YALSA website also provides booklists of recommended titles for reluctant readers, teens and young adults.

Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

There's been lots of talk about the new law by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act that speaks to the dangers of lead in books printed pre-1985 to children under age 12 – and that's the printing date, not the copyright date. In fact, Barbara Hegr and Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City made the local news for "quarantining" books that met the criteria with a front page article by Dan Swanson for Nebraska City News Press. Efforts by Hegr have been to primarily inform the public and staff about the law, and the possible impact to the library collection. Jenni found this link online at the ALA web page that does a pretty good job of talking about the issues in fairly succinct terms: wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/Lead_in_Books%3F. Take a look, and for the meantime stay tuned – as libraries were given a reprieve for compliance until February 10, 2010.

Note on another, yet possibly related issue: It's always a good time to review collections and weed items no longer in use. Which is right on time with the latest edition of **CREW: A Weeding Manual for Modern Libraries** that is available **free** in PDF on the Texas State Library and Archives Commission site: www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/crew/.

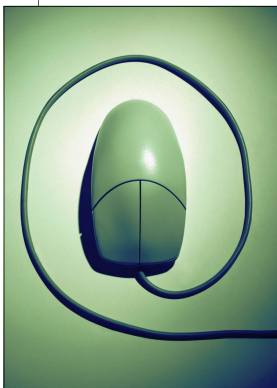
Ian Chipman provides us with the list of **Top 10 Graphic Novels for Youth: 2009** in the March 1st issue of Booklist. Ian's intro sells the genre: "What a difference a year makes! While last year's Top 10 list didn't have a single title recommended for readers under grade six, this year's list demonstrates the growing body of work available for emerging readers. Balancing those are some of the most innovative offerings we've seen yet for older readers. This truly all ages list, representing the best comics reviewed within the past 12 months, has something for everyone."

1. *Benny and Penny In Just Pretend* by Geoffrey Hayes (PreS – Gr. 1)
2. *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman (Gr. 4-7)
3. *Into the Volcano* by Don Wood (Gr. 4-7)
4. *Magic Pickle* by Scott Morse (Gr. 2-4)
5. *Otto's Orange Day* by Frank Cammuso & Jay Lynch (K-Gr.
6. *Prince of Persia* by A.B. Sina (Gr. 9-12)
7. *Rapunzel's Revenge* by Shannon and Dean Hale (Gr. 5-8)
8. *Sound Off! The Adventures of Daniel Boom aka Loud Boy* by D.J. Steinberg (Gr. 3-5)
9. *Tales from Outer Suburbia* by Shaun Tan (Gr. 7-12)
10. *The Salty Air* by Tim Sievert (Gr. 11-12)

You can find the article online with a brief description of each title at: www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3332762, all in line with the release of the movie *Watchmen*, an adaptation of Alan Moore's comic book series.



RURAL BROADBAND AT A GLANCE, 2009 EDITION



Three-quarters of U.S. residents used the Internet to access information, education, and services in 2007. Broadband Internet access is becoming essential for both businesses and households; many compare its evolution to other technologies now considered common necessities—such as cars, electricity, televisions, microwave ovens, and cell phones.

Although rural residents enjoy widespread access to the Internet, they are less likely to have high-speed, or broadband, Internet access than their urban counterparts. Circumstantial evidence suggests that the difference in access may lie in the higher cost and limited availability of broadband Internet in rural areas. As a result, **rural residents depend more on**

Internet use outside of the home, in places like the library, school, and work, where broadband Internet access is available.

Released Friday, February 27, 2009

See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EIB47/>

Asking the *Right* Questions...



Stacey Aldrich

Spring Colloquium 2009

April 13, 2009 Lincoln NE

Stacey Aldrich, Deputy State Librarian for California State Library in Sacramento, formerly assistant director at Omaha Public Library, wants to know:

When it comes to the future, which kind of person are you?

- A. One who **lets** it happen?
- B. One who **makes** it happen?
- C. One who **wonders** what will happen?

Come find out which crystal balls and questions Aldrich uses to help her divine the future of library services. Aldrich insists that, "The best way that we can predict the future is to be an active part of its creation."

Monday-April 13, 2009 5:30-9:30 p.m.

at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel 333 S. 13th Street, Lincoln, NE
Yankee Hill I & II

Schedule of Events

5:30 – 6:30	Social hour, cash bar
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 8:30	Presentation by Stacey Aldrich
8:30 – 9:30	Discussion

Dinner: Seafood Newburg, Maple Grilled Pork Loin, or Champagne Pasta. Chocolate Mousse for dessert.
All entrees include garden salad, chef's potatoes, fresh vegetables, rolls & butter and coffee, tea, or milk.

The Fall Colloquium is sponsored jointly by: Bellevue University, Creighton University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Eastern Library System & Southeast Library System.

YES! I want to participate in the Spring Colloquium 2009: Stacey Aldrich

Name _____ Library _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please choose one: ☐ Seafood Newburg ☐ Pork Loin ☐ Pasta

Send completed registration form & payment of **\$35.00** to: **Southeast Library System,**
5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. Deadline: **Wednesday April 8, 2009.**

Young Adult Librarians in Nebraska Unite!



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Dear YART (Young Adult Round Table) members and any and all interested Youth Services Librarians,

Susan Steider and Dr. Becky Pasco invite you to attend a YART organizational meeting on Sunday, April 19th at 11:00 a.m. for a meeting/discussion about:

- current issues in young adult librarianship,
- activities for young adult librarians involving professional development, networking and fun, and
- communications vehicles for our YART group

The meeting will be held at the Mahoney State Park Lodge (on I-80 between Lincoln and Omaha) and will include brunch. Dr. Pasco is paying for brunch that morning for those attending.

To ensure we reserve enough space for the meeting, please RSVP to Susan Steider at s.steider@lincolnlibraries.org by Wednesday, April 15th if you plan to attend .

Thank you for your interest in library service to young adults in Nebraska.

Susan Steider
Dr. Becky Pasco

APRIL 30 &
MAY 1, 2009

GLENNOR SHIRLEY

Library Coordinator

Correctional Education Libraries– Maryland

APRIL 30

9_{A.M.}-4_{P.M.}

MAY 1

9_{A.M.}-12_{P.M.}

GALLERY ROOM IN MILO BAIL STUDENT CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-OMAHA
6001 DODGE ST. OMAHA



Please join us for an exciting interactive workshop with Ms. Shirley. The day and a half workshop will:

- Provide a forum to discuss daily issues that confront prison libraries and librarians.
- Identify local and nationwide trends that have impact on corrections and libraries.
- Provide participants with a strategy/plan for each library or group of libraries in addressing challenges.
- Provide a resource list of websites, journal articles, and funding.
- Discuss gang activities and information on dealing with these issues.

Shirley currently oversees the service and programs for Maryland's 25,000 inmates across 14 prisons and eight prerelease institutions. In today's political climate, it's hard to convince politicians to provide funds for prison libraries, but Shirley takes a longer view:

"About 15,000 inmates go out every year," she says. It costs about \$27,000 per year to house a prisoner in Maryland. "I prefer my tax dollars to go toward programs that will help the prisoner become a taxpayer later on."*

Shirley is Chair of ALA, ASCLA, Library Services to Special Populations and a regular contributor to ALA/OLOS "Behind the Walls" column which has included addressing library service to disadvantaged user groups, and outreach to prisons and connecting inmates and the public library. In 2003 she was the recipient of the American Libraries Maresh Award for developing a CD ROM "Discovering the Internet @ Your Library" and the 2008 James Partridge Award for Outstanding African American Information Professional. You can find more information on Shirley and her efforts at: <http://prisonlibrarian.blogspot.com>.

While the workshop is certainly intended to assist librarians working in correctional facilities, the program is also recommended to one person, special, institutional, public and other libraries that serve the underserved - including offenders and ex-offenders reentering the community.

*Library Journal, 3/15/2003

**There is an opportunity to tour the Omaha Correctional Center (OCC)
on May 1 from 5-6 p.m. Please let us know if you'd like to tour.**

CE credits: 9 hrs.

Registration deadline: April 24, 2009

Please send registration to: SELS, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505, Fax: 402-467-6196

Phone: 402-467-6188 E-mail: jennip@windstream.net or bsealey@windstream.net

Name _____

Library/Organization _____

Email _____

OCC Tour? Yes No

Registration fee is \$10. Make checks out to SELS. Lunch is at the student center on your own.

This workshop is sponsored by a grant in conjunction with Southeast Library System (SELS), University of Nebraska-Omaha and the NE Dept. of Corrections, supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Aged to Perfection 2009

A fundraiser for the SELS Friends



Join the
Southeast Library System Friends
on April 23, 2009
at the James Arthur Vineyards

Social Hour and Antique Check-in
4:00 - 5:30

Dinner
5:30 - 6:00

Informational/Appraisal Program by Tom Bassett
6:00 - 7:00

A mini-auction of donated treasures
will follow the program.



Your \$20 registration fee includes dinner but not the wine you may choose to enjoy on your own. Wine tasting is an option for those new to James Arthur, or wine is available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Other beverages are also for sale.

Also included in your registration is the appraisal of one antique item if you are not a current SELS Friends member and two antiques if you are a current member. If you have never been a member of SELS Friends, join now and your membership will extend through June 2010 and your wine tasting at Aged to Perfection 2009 will be free. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit www.selsfriends.org.

Dinner Menu

Deli meat and cheese on foccacia bread
Red potato salad
Spinach artichoke dip and chips
Fresh fruit
Cheese and crackers
Lemon bars and Killer brownies



For directions and more
information about
James Arthur Vineyards:
www.jamesarthurvineyards.com

To register, please fill out and return this
form by April 18, 2009:

Name _____

Phone # _____

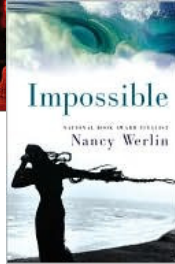
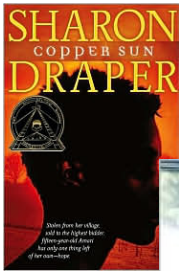
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☐ I would like a vegetarian meal

Please include \$20 for each person
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Lincoln, NE 68505

Admission will be \$15 at the door
and no dinner will be included.

The 10th Annual

Southeast Library System Training Extravaganza!

May 21, 2009

9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Concordia University

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What will you learn this year?

Plan on a whole day of education.

A whole day devoted to library training for every member of your staff! We will have sessions on booktalks-both Young Adult and Adult, newsletter design, disaster planning, gangs, and online resources and tools!

Three workshops will run simultaneously, allowing you to pick and choose what you will attend.

See the next page for a full listing of courses.

Seating for some courses is limited, so register early!

Please note the new location!



Registration — Training Extravaganza

Name: _____ Email : _____

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To register, please fill out this form and **circle which sessions** you plan to attend on the next page. Send that page, this form, and your \$15 registration fee, by **May 14, 2009** to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R Street, Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505 or email: jennip@windstream.net. You may pay at the door.

Thanks! Sign in will begin at **9:00 a.m.** the day of the workshop, and the first session will begin at 9:30. See you there!

*Please circle the sessions you plan to attend:***9:30 — 10:30 a.m.****Gangs of Nebraska**

Chad Menagh
Crete Police Department

Not quite the same as gangs of New York, but Sergeant Menagh will provide general information about gangs, specifics to southeast Nebraska and information that will help library staff.

Personnel

Adam Prochaska
Harding & Shultz Law Firm

Discussion about accrued leave, sick leave, vacations, benefits, and other personnel questions you may have.

Google Tools

Megan Boggs
Seward Memorial Library

Megan will show what Chrome, Calendar, Docs, Picasa, Earth, Sites, and Talk are and give a brief demo of their capabilities.

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**Disaster Preparedness**

Michael Straatmann
University of Nebraska

Over-view and discussion on preparing an emergency plan that includes disaster response procedures and employee/patron safety and collection salvage for any level of damage.

Speed Reviews

Reviews of the book bag titles available from SELS in a format that is sure to give you gobs of titles in tiny bites of time. Best of all, you can judge the books w/o wondering if they'd pick you too.

Power Point

Megan Boggs
Seward Memorial Library

Tips, tricks, and practical knowledge to help you develop your Power Point skills.

LUNCH!! 12 — 1:15 p.m.**1:15 — 2:15 p.m.****Grown Up Reads**

Pat Leach
Lincoln City Libraries

What's good to read? Pat will let us know the new, the bold, and the beautiful in the realm of adult literature, using the latest-and-greatest ALA Notable Books List.

Newsletter Design

Megan Boggs
Seward Memorial Library

Do you want to start a library newsletter or update your existing one? Get tips, techniques and ideas for getting your library's message organized and ready to print or put online.

Online Resources

Becky Baker
Seward Memorial Library

Need some help learning to use the newest technologies, or in putting together a technology class for your patrons? Come learn about and play with many of the online resources that are available absolutely free.

2:30—3:30 p.m.**OCLC and NEBASE:
The Future of OCLC
Services in Nebraska**

Christa Burns
Nebraska Library Commission

Christa Burns, OCLC Member Services Coordinator, will explain what's happening with NEBASE and OCLC, and what it means to Nebraska Libraries.

Green Design

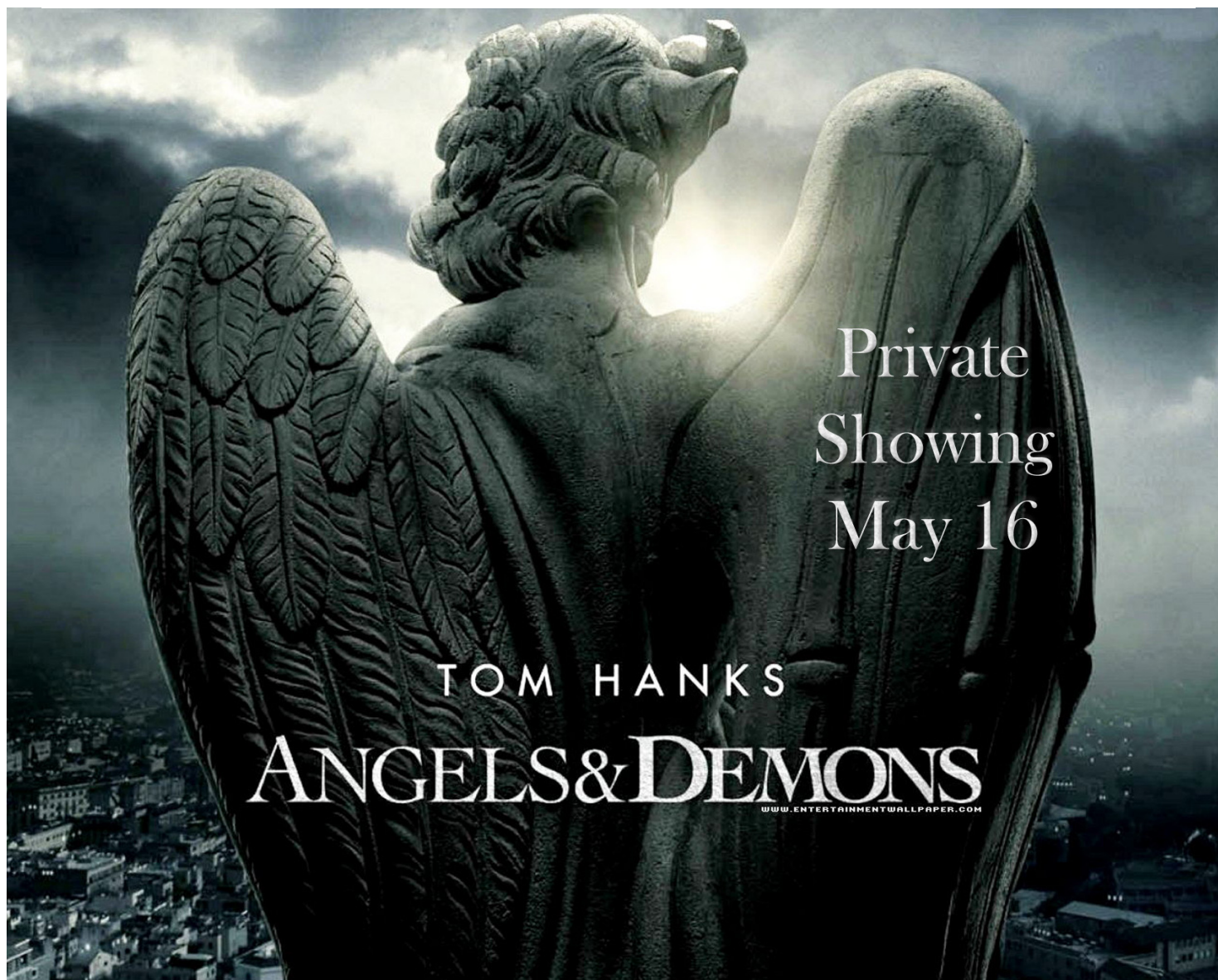
Kent Munster
Clark Enersen Partners

Environmentally friendly projects for libraries to consider for new and/or existing buildings.

Spreadsheets-using Excel

Becky Baker
Seward Memorial Library

Do spreadsheets scare you? Learn about the basic features of Excel, and discover how spreadsheets can help in your library.



FREE PARKING - NO LINES - REFRESHMENT SPECIALS - DOOR PRIZES

Saturday, May 16 – 9:00 a.m. (doors open at 8:30)

Reserve your seat by May 13 and SAVE!

Reservations: \$7.50 for SELS Friends members
\$10.00 for Non-members

Walk-in price: \$12.50 for everyone

All admissions will be paid for at the door.
To reserve a seat in advance, email info@selsfriends.org

Edgewood Cinema
56th and Highway 2
Lincoln, NE



A Fundraiser for the Southeast Library System Friends



American Libraries Direct tipped us off to this online resource for teachers and students (or anyone) - ReadWriteThink at: www.readwritethink.org. It's a partnership between the International Reading Association (IRA), the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), and the Verizon Foundation. It has great resources that include lesson plans, web resources, literacy aides, and a literary event calendar. Some of the lesson plans that got my attention were:

- A Collaboration of Sites and Sounds: Using Wikis to Catalog Protest Songs
- Analyzing Grammar Pet Peeves using a Dear Abby column
- Copyright Infringement or Not? The Debate over Downloading Music
- Help Wanted: Writing Professional Resumes
- Naming in a Digital World: Creating a Safe Persona on the Internet
- Short Story Fair: Responding to Short Stories in multiple Media & Genres

Hope this has piqued your curiosity as the above is just a sampling of the topics listed for 9th through 12th Grades – much of which could be lessons for all of us depending on the topic of interest. There is much, much more on this site for all ages.

The February 15th, 2009 issue of **Library Journal** included the LJ Index of Public Library Service for 2009 by Ray Lyons & Keith Curry Lance. The article features – “The Star Libraries” including some from Nebraska and these from the SELS region: Geneva Public Library, Syracuse Public Library and Wymore Public Library. To see the index of all 7,115 libraries included with the ability to search by state go to: www.libraryjournal.com/LJIndex2009.

One of my favorite regular features in **Library Journal** is *The Transparent Library* by Michael Casey & Michael Stephens. In the February 15th issue they address their column to library directors and touch on these 5 issues:

1. **Privacy** – Rethinking by offering varying levels of user privacy and settings that allow photos.
2. **Environment** – Saving money and resources with green certified buildings, and other little things like bike/skateboard racks, showers for staff if they bike or walk to work, telecommuting and increased opportunities for local and online training and meetings.
3. **Nature of Information** – Methods that continue to adapt librarian roles in finding information with things like texting, Meebo, and Outreach to places like Panera Bread. (Paneraref.notlong.com) “The reference interview these days should be all about collaboration and context.”
4. **Generation C** – Young people grow up to be creators, so let them create with you by having spaces where they can work collaboratively and in groups which typically are not “shhhh” quiet. Create multiple channels to engage users: Facebook, Ninag, and wiki spaces.
5. **Telling Our Story Well** – Sell your successes to your board, dean, mayor, commissioners, chamber of commerce and student body – maybe through an electronic annual report that could be sent to key players and highlighting library user photos.

You can read the article online at:

www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6634729.html?q=dear+library+directors.

-Brenda Ealey

CASTL/SELS meeting

Kilgore Memorial Library - York NE, December 11, 2008

SELS Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of Nebraska - Lincoln Libraries); Ruth Carlock (York College); Scott Childers (University of Nebraska - Lincoln Libraries); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools)

CASTL attendees: Nina Bartu (Exeter), Kerin Bunstock (Ulyssus); Karen Fox (Fairbury); Leonard Hoskins (Kilgore Memorial Library Board, York); Carolyn Schlegel (Shickley); Joyce Schmidt (Deshler); Stan Schulz (Kilgore Memorial Library, York)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Kent Munster (The Clark Enerson Partners, Lincoln; SELS Board nominee); Sally Snyder (Nebraska Library Commission)

SELS Board Members Absent: Misty Prochaska (Kaplan University, Lincoln);

President Willnerd called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

I. What's New Around the System/CASTL Round Robin

Ruth Carlock reports that this is last week of classes for York College and finals are next week. Today is also the retirement ceremony of current president.

Wanda Marget from Fairmont reports they also received the got the wifi grant. They also got a second grant for arts & crafts projects from the local community foundation.

Karen Frank from Greenwood reports that the new roof is now completely done. The new village board is in place and seem to be pro-library so far. Karen also reports they got the wireless grant in Greenwood as well.

Kim McCain from Tri-County Schools reports they recently had some major website and other tech problems. Her Tech person lost her website.

Tom Schmitz from the Lincoln Regional Center reports that they passed their recent federal review with flying colors. There were some questions from the group on what his collection focused on. Tom replied that his collection is focused on current things - magazines and local newspapers and self-help. People can call Tom for resources on mental health and Tom can get them to you or point you to resources.

Break for lunch 12:25 & Meeting rejoined at 1:53 PM

Becky Baker reports they are doing a traditional thing this December differently than they had in the past. The "memory" tree ornaments moved from a actually being on a tree to now being on the website and also in a display case in the library.

Jan Thomsen reports from Aurora that the museum director left the museum and is now the children's librarian in the Alice M. Farr library. She also announced that they will be getting a new roof this year.

Barbara Hegr reports that in Nebraska City at the Morton-James Public Library they will be doing a holiday storytime for children (preschool to grade 4) every Saturday along with crafts, stories, a visit from Santa, & movies. They will also have cookies in the library the days right before Christmas. They are getting some days off as a parting gift from the Mayor. 2 1/2 days. The city is getting a new mayor & two new commissioners, so it will be interesting to see their attitudes toward the library.

Kent Muster reports that the Clark Enerson Partners are working on two relevant projects that are under construction now. One project is in Kansas that will take a branch that has been around for 20 years and double it in size. The other project is in Missouri looking to upgrade a 20+ year old building doubling it in size and engulfing the original building.

Scott Childers & Rebecca Bernthal report that C.Y. Thomson building is getting a new roof. The UNL Libraries have hired a new Science librarian. The Lewis & Clark exhibit did well.

Glenda Willnerd reports that Lincoln Public Schools Media Director Mary Reiman just returned from China, learning about their school systems. Their classroom size was something around 60 students in a classroom and they incorporate all sorts of activities in their schooling. Mary is available to do programs on China if anyone is interested. On Jan 14, Duane Munson will have a book preview at 4:00 at LPS District Office. An RFP going out for new ILS system, replacing Dynix.

II. Approval of minutes (online)

The minutes were distributed to the board through email prior to the meeting. A motion to approve as presented was made by Misty Prochaska via email, and seconded by Ruth Carlock, again via email. The minute were approved via email vote.

III. Financial Report

The financial report was distributed to the board through email prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the transaction report was made by Becky Baker via email, and seconded by Karen Frank, again through email. Motion passed via vote at the meeting.

Jenni Puchalla reports that the grant for the PLA bus has come in, and SELS has not expended that yet. SELS spent some of the remaining fund grants on bookbag books and Wii music game. The misc line in the report is for the "Lawyers for Libraries" conference and will be reimbursed by NLA.

IV. Appointment of SELS Board Member

A motion to accept Kent Munster as a SELS board member, filling an opening by the resignation of Kris Rogge was made by Rebecca Bernthal, and seconded by Becky Baker. Motion passed.

V. Administrator's report

Brenda Ealey highlighted some items from her written report

Service Role 1: Training & Consulting:

- * Met with Morton-James Public Library staff to talk about intellectual freedom issues and review collection reorganization & weeding.
- * ELS & SELS Veronda Pitchford colloquium.
- * Met with Follett representatives.
- * Good CASTL meeting in Wymore with speaker Dee Aguilar who spoke on humor.
- * Attended Hildy Gottlieb programs along with many SELS board members. Some of the tips presented there may come out in the Newsletter.
- * Meet with people switching to Apollo.
- * Jenni Puchalla attended the NLC/UNL Library Camp
- * Brenda & Becky Baker are working on migration of basic skills into module format.
- * Brenda & Jenni spent a day in Johnson meeting with community library leaders & working on weeding the donated collection.
- * Received information that A Lantern in Her Hand by Bess Streeter Aldrich is the next One Book, One Nebraska selection.
- * Responded to many questions about the e-rate policies.

Service Role 2: Consortia Building & Cooperative Approaches to Providing Library Services

- * Working on training program with Glennor Shirley for Corrections
- * Active with NLA adhoc committee to revise conference manual.
- * Completed spending of grant monies for YA Book Bags.
- * Ken Winston & Adam Prochaska attended the Lawyers for Libraries training provided by ALA. Brenda encouraged their attendance and help find funding from NLA as NLA Intellectual Freedom Chair.
- * Brenda & Jenni worked on NLC Library Improvement Grant to fund replacement SELS vehicle.

Service Role 3: Promotion

- * Kathy Tooker of ELS & Brenda met with librarians from Tajikistan to share information about the Nebraska Regional Library System.
- * Worked on followup report of the Nebraska Libraries Future Search Conference.
- * Attended an ACLU meeting with a discussion on 1988 US Supreme Court Hazelwood decision and its effects on freedom of student press.
- * Attended retirement party for Sally Payne at Sump Memorial Library.

Service Role 4: Management of SELS Resources

- * Inquired about getting Apollo software for SELS office at low/no cost.
- * Attended SELS Friends Book Fair
- * Worked on SELS plan drafts and shared with board.
- * ELS & SELS received \$700 Youth Services grant to use on Youth Services Retreat.
- * Completed e-rate form 486 to confirm discounts.

Upcoming:

Dec 15: Ted Smith Retirement party at Norfolk
 Feb 4: Theresa Dickson workshop in Beatrice.
 Feb 10: NLA Legislative Day
 Feb 20: SELS Board meeting

VI. SELS Friends Report

Becky Baker reports "book fair" at Barnes & Noble had good business but there were couple of issues. It was felt that the volunteers need to be more pro-active with the "donation" message next time.

VII. NLC report

Sally Snyder reports on a few of the happenings at the Nebraska Library Commission:

- *Library Learns 2.0 - a lot of people have signed up. For some of the participants, it has been time consuming, and there were some technical issues reported.
- *One Book for Nebraska Kids - The Green Glass Sea, by Ellen Kloges. Each regional system will get 15 copies and some packets.
- *Youth Grants - The NLC had 31 applications. Some input on improving the grant process was asked for (specifically increasing the details in the forms) and discussion was had.

VIII. Revisions to SELS Plan

A motion to approve the plan as amended and to have a special meeting in January to talk about implementing the plan. was made by Becky Baker, seconded by Rebecca Bernthal. Discussion including that at the special meeting, the group is not revising, but prioritizing implementation. Motion passed

Date for the special meeting was set: Jan 9, 2009 11:00. Hopefully at Wyuka.

IX. 2008/2009 Committee Assignments & Updates

Will revisit Committee meetings after plans are done in Jan.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM

March/April 2009



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